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SUPPLIES POPULATION WITH VACCINES -- Slowo Polskie, No 7, 26 Feb 50

The Central Office of the PZH (State Institute of Hygiene) is located in Warsaw, with branches in every wojewodztwo city. Prof Feliks Przesmycki, director of the PZH, stated that the PZH studies the foci and spread of contagious diseases, tests water, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics, and inspects food service. It also inspects the working conditions of individual industries and studies the conditions under which occupation diseases are contracted. It studies methods of food preservation, and standards of nutrition for workers, children, invalids, etc.

One of PZH's basic tasks is to supply the population with vaccines and serums. PZH also supplies the wholesale and retail distributors with antidiphtheria serum, antitetanus serum, and vaccine against rabies. Today every person bitten by a mad dog or even a dog suspected of having rables, is inoculated free of charge. PZH has special farms in Sluzewo near Warsaw and in Wola Slawinska where horses are reared for diphtheria and tetanus serum. Heifers from which cowpox is taken for the manufacture of antismallpox vaccine, are also reared on these farms.

The PZH tests all vaccines and serums manufactured. Standard serums come from the International Bureau of Hygiene in Copenhagen.

HEALTH OFFICE GETS MORE SPACE -- Dziennik Zachodni, No 81, 22 Mar 50

The city administration of Czestochowa has assigned to the local branch of the State Office of Hygiene four rooms on the ground floor of the building of the City Health Center, Wilson Street.

The activities of the State Office of Hygiene will be limited in the beginning to testing foods.

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MEDICAL ACADEMY SETS UP 3 NEW FACULTIES -- Trybuna Ludu, No 62, 3 Mar 50

On 1 March 1950 three new faculties of general anatomy, chemistry, and stomatology were insugurated at the Szczecin Medical Academy.

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The Faculty of General Chemistry has a large laboratory to accommodate nearly 200 students. The Faculty of Stomatology, one of the best of its kind in Poland, has a large experimental laboratory and a room for dental technical work. The Faculty of Anatomy has modern installations in a newly restored building.

TO STEP UP EXTRACTION OF HOG GLANDS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 70, 11 Mar 50

The Polish Pharmaceutical Industry is much in need of the glands for making valuable hormone preparations. Roman Sadowski, a worker in the Krakow Branch of the Slaughterhouse By-products Center Bacutil, has pledged to extract the pituitary glands from 80 out of every 100 hogs slaughtered. This will be an increase of 33 percent, since until now pituitary glands were extracted from only 60 out of every 100 hogs slaughtered.

CENTROSAN TO ALLOCATE ALL DRUGS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 70, 11 Mar 50

The eighth general convention of the Chief Pharmaceutical Board was held in Zakopane. Among those present were T. Michejda, Minister of Health, and representatives of the chief administrations of the trade unions, the Health Service, the Chief Pharmaceutical Board, and the 14 regional boards.

In his discussion of drug allocation, Sniegucki, director of the department, announced that the Centrosan state wholesale organization will take over the allocation and distribution of all drugs.

It was accided to improve the supply of rural and urban drugstores, to open model drugstores in connection with producers' cooperatives, to expand the training courses, and to develop cooperation between druggists and pharmaceutical bureaus and the political, sociological, and trade-union organizations.

LODZ SHORT 60 DOCTORS -- Ilustrowany Kurier Polski, No 73, 14 Mar 50

Lodz, which until very recently had many hundreds of doctors, lost such a great number in the reallocation program that it is now about 60 doctors short.

There is also a shortage of ambulances despite the seemingly large number of Social Insurance and Red Cross ambulances. In the next few weeks, six new cars are expected, and many more are expected within the first 6 months.

These problems were discussed by the Lodz representatives to the health conference at the Ministry of Health in Warsaw. Since many doctors were greatly overhurdened, it was decided to take steps to divide the work more evenly between the existing doctors.

TO SET UP FIRST WHOOPING COUGH HOSPITAL -- Illustrowany Kurier Polski, No 60,

The first whooping-cough hospital in Poland for workers' children will be opened soon in Lodz, Swietlana Street, in the city's Radogoszcz district. Children will remain in the hospital until they are fully cured.

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ANTIDIPHTHERIA VACCINATIONS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 69, 10 Mar 50

Antidiphtheria vaccinations in 1950 will be cerried out in nurseries, kindergartens and children's playgrounds. All children from 1-7 will be vaccinated.

TO GIVE TYPHUS INOCULATIONS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 73, 14 Mar 50

From 15 April to 30 June, typhus inoculations will be given at all Health Centers and large institutions and factories.

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